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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTERS'S INSTRUCTIONS TO HASTEN CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENTS

REF: SAIGON 11878

1. PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS SECRETARY BUU NGHI CONFIRMED TO US THAT ON JULY 27 PRIME MINISTER KHIEM SENT A CABLE TO ALL PROVINCE AND MUNICIPAL CHIEFS ASKING THEM EXPEDITE CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILMEN ON ENDORSEMENTS OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. ACCORDING TO VIETNAM PRESS RELEASE THE PRIME MINISTER NOTED THAT SOME LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES HAVE DELAYED SUCH CERTIFICATION AND SAID THE PROVINCE AND MUNICIPAL CHIEFS MUST STRICTLY ABIDE BY THE PROCEDURES OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION LAW.

2. BUU NGHI ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE LETTER OF VICE PRESIDENT KY JULY 26 TO KHIEM COMPLAINING ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES HIS SUPPORTERS WERE HAVING IN OBTAINING

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